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SUBJECT: GVN NOTE TO PARIS PARTICIPANTS ON NVA/"PRG" SEIZURE OF
DAK PEK BASE

1. SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUEST: THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF
A GVN NOTE DATED MAY 18 SENT TO THE PARTIES TO THE ACT OF
THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIETNAM CONCERNING THE RECENT
SEIZURE BY NVA/"PRG" FORCES OF THE ARVN CAMP AT DAK PEK.
ACTION REQUEST: ACTION ADDRESSEES PLEASE PASS THE TEXT TO
GVN REPRESENTATIVES IN THEIR HOST COUNTRIES WITH THE INFORMATION
THAT THE NOTE IS DUE TO BE RELEASED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER AT
1000 SAIGON TIME MAY 20. END SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUEST.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC
OF VIET-NAM PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE PARTIES TO THE ACT
OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIET-NAM SIGNED AT PARIS ON
2 MARCH 1973 AND HAS THE HONOUR TO DRAW THE PARTICULAR ATTENTION
OF THE PARTIES TO THE ILLEGAL AND FORCIBLE SEIZURE OF THE DAK-
PEK BASE AND THE DAK-PEK DISTRICT TOWN, IN THE PROVINCE OF
KONTUM, BY COMMUNIST FORCES ON 16 MAY 1974.

3. THE DAK-PEK AREA, ABOUT 80 KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF THE
PROVINCIAL CITY OF KONTUM, HAS BEEN ALWAYS CONTROLLED BY THE
AUTHORITIES OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM. THE DAK-PEK BASE
(YB.954.682) ITSELF WAS ESTABLISHED IN AS FAR BACK AS 1956 AND
HAS CONTINUOUSLY BEEN GARRISONED BY THE ARMED FORCES OF THE
REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM SINCE THEN.

4. THE COMMUNIST ASSAULT AGAINST DAK-PEK-- WHICH WAS
LAUNCHED LESS THAN ONE MONTH AFTER THE BRUTAL SEIZURE OF THE
TONG LE CHAN BASE-- IS CLEARLY PART OF A COMMUNIST PLAN
TO DISCARD THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND TO REOPEN HOSTILITIES, IN
FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON ENDING THE WAR
AND RESTORING PEACE; AND OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF 13 JUNE
1973.

5. MOREOVER, THE LARGE-SCALE ATTACK AGAINST DAK-PEK--AN
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ATTACK SUPPORTED BY HEAVY ARTILLERY AND TANKS -- OCCURRED
ONLY THREE DAYS AFTER THE COMMUNIST SIDE'S ANNOUNCEMENT TO
BREAK OFF THE TALKS BETWEEN THE TWO SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES
AT LA CELLE SAINT CLOUD, AND ONLY SIX DAYS AFTER IT BOYCOTTED
THE TWO-PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION. THEREFORE IT IS
APPARENT THAT THE DECISION OF THE COMMUNIST SIDE TO SAOTAGE ALL
THE NEGOTIATIONS FORMALLY PRESCRIBED BY THE PARIS AGREEMENT
WAS WILLFULLY TAKEN AS A PREPARATORY STEP FOR A REVERSION TO

LARGE SCALE HOSTILITIES IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

6. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM FIRMLY DENOUNCES THE INCESSANT MILITARY ATTACKS BY THE COMMUNIST SIDE AND THE WIDENING OF HOSTILITIES WHICH HAS RESULTED FROM THESE ATTACKS. IF GRAVE VIOLATIONS OF THE CEASEFIRE SUCH AS THE CAPTURE OF THE DAK-PEK BASE COULD GO ON UNCHECKED, THIS WOULD CONSTITUTE A FATAL BLOW TO THE WHOLE STRUCTURE OF PEACE ESTABLISHED BY THE PARIS AGREEMENT OF 27 JANUARY 1973 AND ITS RELATED PROTOCOLS, THE ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIET-NAM OF 2 MARCH 1973 AND THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF 13 JUNE 1973.

7. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM WISHES TO REITERATE ITS UNSWERVING COMMITMENT TO THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT, BUT HAS TO RESERVE ITS RIGHT, IN SELF-DEFENSE, TO TAKE ALL MEASURES THAT THE SITUATION MAY REQUIRE TO PROTECT ITS TERRITORY AND ITS PEOPLE. THE HANOI ADMINISTRATION AND ITS FRONT ORGANIZATION IN THE SOUTH, THE SELF-STYLED "PRGSVN", MUST BEAR FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY DETERIORATION OF THE SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

8. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM EARNESTLY APPEALS TO THE PARTIES TO ACT, EITHER INDIVIDUALLY OR THROUGH JOINT ACTION, IN ORDER TO INDUCE THE COMMUNIST SIDE TO RETURN IMMEDIATELY THE WHOLE DAK-PEK AREA TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, WITH ITS DEFENDERS WOUNDED OR CAPTURED DURING THE BATTLE, AS WELL AS THE CIVILIAN POPULATION OF DAK-PEK FORCIBLY ABDUCTED BY THE COMMUNIST FORCES.

9. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM FURTHER APPEALS TO THE PARTIES TO TAKE URGENT AND EFFECTIVE ACTIONS TO ENSURE THAT THE COMMUNIST AUTHORITIES IN HANOI PUT IMMEDIATELY AN END TO WHAT LOOKS AS A CONTINUING AND GENERALIZED OFFENSIVE
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AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.

10. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE PARTIES TO THE ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIETNAM, THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. SAIGON, MAY 18, 1974. END TEXT.
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